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Juniors Morgan Collier and Gavin Drees take their photo for picture day.



Katie McGrane (11) waits for the photographer to take her picture.



Isabelle Palmersheim (9) learns how to open her locker on the first day of school.



On the first day of school, freshmen Erin Tran, Jenna Funke, Kasey Fisher, and Sylvie Mersch participate in an ice breaker during Advanced English I.

Autumn 05

► As a replacement for the freshman retreat, Lydia Helms (9) and Hunter Kolka (9) attend Ricochet. "It taught me different teamwork skills that I can use in my future," Helms said.

► Erin Mullen (9) concentrates as she attempts to conquer the gyro ring.

► Faith Litherer (9) and Syndey Lorang (9) collaborate as they learn 21st century skills.

► During Ricochet, teacher Jason Guyer assists Trent Deutmeyer (9) with mastering the gyro ring. "As it went on, everybody was learning from watching everybody else," Guyer said.



Rally for Ricochet

On August 27, incoming freshmen participated in Ricochet, a team building leadership program.

One activity involved passing a spinning gyro ring from person to person with each gyro containing five smaller rings, symbolizing the dimensions of leadership.

Lauryn Bruggeman (9) learned the value of collaboration. "It takes a group to form something good, not just one person," Bruggeman said. Haylee Vaske (9) initially

struggled with the gyro ring, but eventually improved. "Nobody really listened to each other," Vaske said. "We had more than one leader and too many people took charge. It got hectic because of it."

Students also completed a values line activity and while blindfolded recreated a structure.

"When you're involved and work as a team, a lot can blossom and get accomplished," Cruz Timmerman (9) said.



Teacher Mark Philgreen plans Ricochet norms with Syndey Lorang (9), Riley Lee (9), and other students.



Teacher Mary Wegmann, along with freshmen Willow Thompson, Haylee Vaske, Carter Wallace, and Tyrus Werner, creates group norms. Wegmann believes Ricochet forms "a sense of community within the homeroom."



Joining forces, Peyton Aldrich (9) and Logan Africa (9) maneuver the gyro ring. "I learned that communication is important and working together is key," Aldrich said.

A Whole New World



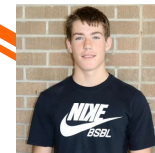
While in New York, Hunter Cole (11), Macie Putz (10), Brooke Belden (10), Dominic Rave-Olsen (10), Conner Turnis (11), McKinley Rans (12), and Joshua Seeley (11) meet actor Tracy Morgan. "It was really cool meeting someone famous because we weren't expecting it at all, and he was super kind," Belden said. In June, 130 students participated in the New York trip.

"The atmosphere was very solemn as soon as you got inside. It (the 9/11 memorial) was really eye-opening. I think everyone needs to see it, though, at least once."

-Brynn Bockenstedt (11)

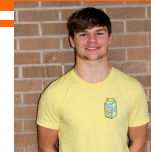


First Day Attitudes



"Like LeBron, I'm always ready."
► Will Ward (9)

"I was pretty confident going into it. I was a little worried about having homework."
► Brady Schaul (9)



"I had multiple friends already in high school, so I felt pretty prepared going in on the first day."
► Madeline Palas (9)



"I was excited for the activities that I was about to begin like color guard and everything in the music department."
► Harper Blommers (9)





Spring

Spring forced an unprecedented perspective change for students and teachers alike. The COVID-19 pandemic forced us to worry more about health and safety than track, soccer, golf, ACT tests, prom or graduation. Beginning March 16, we truly worried more about others and practiced social distancing for the good of all.

During the Ricochet activities in early March, Lauren Johnson (9), Chloe Hepke (9), Mackenzie Kluesner (9), Madelyn Hoeger (9), Luke Reth (9), Tyson Kelchen (9) and Saul Hernandez (9) walk while standing on each other's feet in the Siamese Feet activity.